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December 16, 2011

Lee Feldman, City Manager City of Fort Lauderdale 100 North Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Re: Northport/Broward County Convention Center Development of Regional Impact ("DRI") – Buildout Extensions

Dear Mr. Feldman:

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 13, 2011, which indicates the City's intent not to extend the buildout date for the referenced Development Order, and to deny building permits for development within the DRI after December 30, 2011. As previously indicated, the County continues to disagree with City staff's view that the County is not in substantial compliance with the Development Order and not entitled to buildout extensions authorized by Chapters 2009-96 and 2010-147, Laws of Florida (Senate Bills 360 and 1752, respectively) and Section 252.363, Florida Statutes.

The purpose of this letter is to reiterate the County's notification that, in addition to the buildout extensions invoked under Senate Bills 360 and 1752 and Section 252.363, the County has exercised its right to the automatic four-year extension available under Section 380.06(19)(c)2, Florida Statutes. That four-year extension is not contingent on a determination of substantial compliance and will automatically extend the DRI Development Order buildout date until December 30, 2015. That extension will afford the County and the City an opportunity to resolve the concerns regarding substantial compliance and the other extensions to which the County is entitled, without impeding development that is essential to the economies of both the City and the County.

Respectfully,

Bertha W. Henry County Administrator

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cc:

Joni Armstrong Coffey, County Attorney Phil Allen, Director, Port Everglades

Nicki Grossman, President, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau

Noel Pfeffer, Deputy County Attorney